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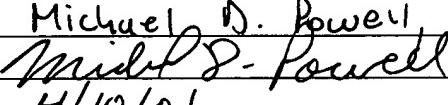
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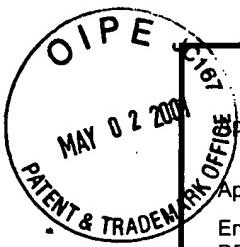
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Applicant/Patent Owner: Michael D. Powell

Application No./Patent No.: 09/747,748 Filed/Issue Date: Filed December 22, 2000

Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY ASSISTED COMMERCIAL NETWORK SYSTEM DESIGNED TO FACILITATE IDEA SUBMISSION, PURCHASE AND LICENSING AND INNOVATION TRANSFER

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Title of Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY ASSISTED COMMERCIAL NETWORK SYSTEM DESIGNED TO FACILITATE IDEA SUBMISSION, PURCHASE AND LICENSING AND INNOVATION TRANSFER**

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: **April 9, 2001**

Filing Date: **December 22, 2000**

Application No.: **09/747,748; and**

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Dated: 4/10/01


Michael D. Powell